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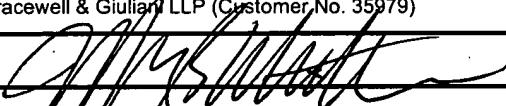
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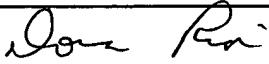
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a correction in inventorship for U.S. Patent No. 6,717,291 B2 ("Patent").

Applicant respectfully requests that Carl Smith be added to this Patent as an additional inventor who contributed to the claims of this Patent. The omission of Mr. Smith as co-inventor occurred without any deceptive intention on the part of either the originally named inventor and/or current assignee, Purkey's Electrical Consulting. (See Statement of Carl Smith enclosed)

herewith).

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In re U.S. Patent 6,717,291  
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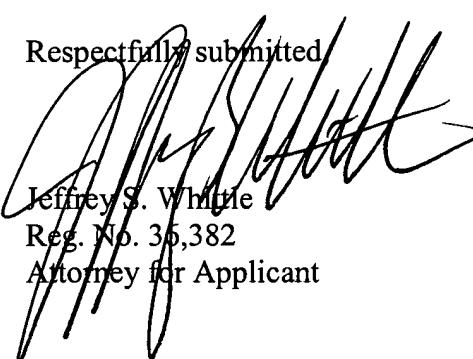
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1. Statement of Carl Smith;
2. Statement of Bruce Purkey;
3. Consent of the Assignee, Purkey's Electrical Consulting;
4. Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b);
5. Copy of Recordation of Assignment of U.S. Patent 6,717,291 by Carl Smith to

Purkey's Electrical Consulting, as recorded on December 14, 2005, at Reel 016891, Frame 0104.

Enclosed is a check for \$130.00 for the required fees. Please charge any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayments to Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, Deposit Account No. 50-0259 (Order No. 66259.06).

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeffrey S. White  
Reg. No. 36,382  
Attorney for Applicant

Date: 12-15-05

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent of:

Bruce Purkey

Attorney Docket No.: 066259.000006

Patent No.: 6,717,291 B2  
Issued: April 6, 2004

Serial No.: 09/938,796  
Filed: August 24, 2001

For: Capacitor-Based Powering System  
and Associated Methods

**STATEMENT OF CARL SMITH UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.324(b)(1)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

I, Carl Smith, state as follows:

I was inadvertently not included as a co-inventor from the above-identified application and now issued patent. Along with other features listed in the claims of the patent application and now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,717,291B2, I helped, devised, contributed to, conceived and invented the Capacitor - Based Powering System

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I acknowledge and agree that the error of inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on my part, as well as on the part of Bruce Purkey and Purkey's Electrical Consulting.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the publication or any patent issued thereon.

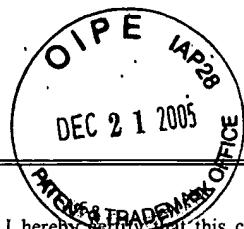
Respectfully submitted,



Carl Smith

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By: Dana Purkey

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent of:

Bruce Purkey

Patent No.: 6,717,291 B2

Issued: April 6, 2004

Attorney Docket No.: 066259.0000006

Serial No.: 09/938,796

Filed: August 24, 2001

For: Capacitor-Based Powering System  
and Associated Methods

**STATEMENT OF BRUCE PURKEY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.324(b)(2)**

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Sir:

I, Bruce Purkey, state as follows:

I am co-inventor in this application.

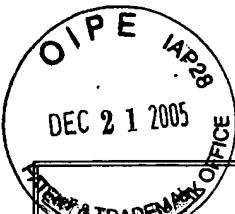
Carl Smith, also a co-inventor, was inadvertently not included as a co-inventor and should be added as a co-inventor in the above-identified patent application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Sec. 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the publication or any patent issued thereon.

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For: Capacitor-Based Powering System  
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**CONSENT OF THE ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.324(b)(3)**

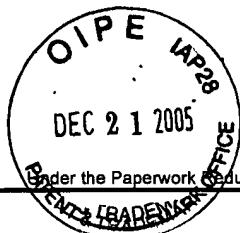
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Sir:

Purkey's Electrical Consulting, current Assignee of 100% interest in the above-referenced application and issued patent, hereby consents to adding Carl Smith as a co-inventor of U.S. Patent No. 6,717,291 B2.

PURKEY'S ELECTRICAL CONSULTING

By: Bruce Purkey  
Bruce Purkey  
Title: President  
Date: 10-3-05

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: Bruce Purkey/Purkey's Electrical Consulting  
09/938,796Application No./Patent No.: now USP 6,717,291 Filed/Issue Date: December 9, 2003

Entitled: Capacitor-Based Powering System and Associated Methods

Purkey's Electrical Consulting, a Arkansas Corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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OR

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Bruce Purkey

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Bruce Purkey

Printed or Typed Name

Bruce PurkeyPresident

Title

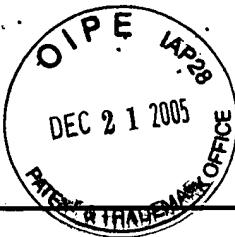
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Carl Smith, whose address is 19192 S.E., Tillstrum Rd., (hereinafter referred to as "**ASSIGNOR**"), a co-inventor in a patent application titled "CAPACITOR-BASED POWERING SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHODS," filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 9, 2003, as Application No. 10/731,706, which is a continuation of and claims priority to and the benefit of United States Non-Provisional Application No. 09/938,796 filed on August 24, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,717,291 (hereinafter "Patent Applications"); and

WHEREAS, Purkey's Electrical Consulting, an Arkansas corporation, having a place of business at 221 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Rogers, AR 72756 (hereinafter referred to as "**ASSIGNEE**"), is desirous of acquiring the same.

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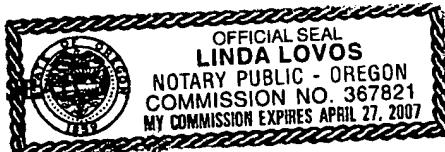
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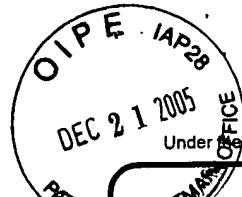
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On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005, before me personally appeared the above named ASSIGNOR, Carl Smith, to me personally known/provided identification as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.



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